Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 22 Feb 2021 at 14:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for wet and windy conditions on Tuesday, lower confidence for details of clearance and for Wednesday, but higher confidence for a better day Thursday and Friday

Headline for Tuesday 23 Feb 2021: Wet and very windy, with periods of heavy rain, but snow on the tops at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** High Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	60%	>95%	>95%	90%	70%	>95%	>95%

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Weather: Cloud soon thickening overnight to bring outbreaks of heavy rain, but falling as snow above 600m and becoming heavier by the end of the night. Then a dank and wet start to the day with still some snow on the tops at first, but turning to rain at all levels in the morning. Rain will be heavy and prolonged for much of the day, with a further thaw of lying snow and this will lead to very soggy conditions with flooding in places and very fast flowing water courses.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in early hours, otherwise nil

Visibility: Becoming generally poor or very poor at height with extensive cloud above 500 or 600m, with broken cloud down to 400m in west. Also poor at times beneath cloud in rain. Almost nil visibility at height in snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	51/65 S	60/77 S	70/89 SE	70/90 S	57/74 S	44/58 S	48/64 S	47/64 S	46/63 S
900	35/47 S	42/57 S	44/60 SE	45/62 S	39/55 S	30/44 S	32/48 S	33/51 S	33/49 SW
600	48/60 S	57/72 S	63/80 SE	65/82 S	55/70 S	39/52 S	43/58 S	43/59 S	41/57 SW
300	27/41 S	30/44 S	34/48 SE	35/52 SE	30/47 S	21/34 S	23/38 S	24/41 S	23/42 S
Glen	13/31 S	21/46 S	21/44 SE	22/47 S	21/44 S	12/29 S	14/34 S	17/39 S	17/39 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-15	-4/-16	-3/-16	-2/-13	1/-8	2/-6	3/-5	2/-6	2/-7
900	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-11	1/-8	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	4/-3
600	2/-6	3/-5	2/-7	4/-4	6/-1	7/1	8/2	8/2	7/1
300	5/-1	5/-2	3/-4	6/-0	8/3	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/4
Glen	6/3	7/2	6/0	8/3	10/6	10/8	11/8	11/8	10/7
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	1700m	2000m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very windy and gusty, with marked mobility difficulty and risk of being blown over. A significant chill over the tops, especially early in the day, but mild on lower slopes. Becoming very soggy with flooding in places and fast flowing water courses. Snow on the tops at first will bring additional navigational issues and risk of disorientation.

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Weather: Some uncertainty, but worst of the rain is expected to clear overnight. Then a cloudy start with patchy, mainly light rain, but gradually becoming drier and brighter through the morning. Some sunny spells in afternoon but also a few showers these turning to snow above 900m.

Maximum wind: South turning southwest 30-35 gust 45mph, but 50 gust 70mph over the tops well into the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Almost nil overnight, but 30% by daybreak, 70% by afternoon.

Visibility: Poor beneath cloud overnight and very poor at height with extensive cloud down to 400 or 500m, but becoming more broken and lifting to 700m at times later in night. Visibility beneath cloud improving mainly good after daybreak with cloud breaking and lifting further through the morning, leaving occasional broken cloud above 600-800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 or 10C, but falling to plus 5C later
At 800m: Plus 5C falling to plus 3C by the afternoon
Freezing level: Falling to 1000m by the afternoon

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